

PRESERVATION GRANT FOR MOULTONBOROUGH GRANGE



The Moultonborough Grange is in dire condition and in need of immediate intervention to stabilize its failing roof system before winter 2012/2013. Since this critical situation was discovered in June 2012, the Moultonborough Heritage Commission and the Moultonborough Historical Society have partnered to identify and take appropriate steps to save this landmark building and to plan for its future in Moultonborough Village.

We have successfully applied for a grant for a building condition assessment with preservation guidelines, currently underway by Stephen Bedard of Bedard Preservation & Restoration LLC. Such a report recommends rehabilitation strategies, provides cost estimates, and suggests effective phasing for work. This project was funded in part by a grant from the NH Preservation Alliance, which receives support for its grants program from the NH Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP).

The cost for emergency stabilization of the roof system is \$6000-\$6500, and this work must be done before winter to prevent collapse. Funds are now being actively sought to proceed with these emergency repairs. We are also applying for additional grants to secure funding for the further stabilization necessary to save the Grange building, which includes a roof system final repair, deck framing, and grade and foundation work.

The Moultonborough Grange is significant both for its architecture and for its social history in our community. In 1894, the newly incorporated Moultonborough Grange #197 purchased the property, and made extensive renovations to it during the next decade. By 1903, the building was transformed into a Grange hall with characteristic features, including the large auditorium with raised performance stage upstairs. The Grange was transferred to the Moultonborough Historical Society in December 2006.

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